



# FoodCorps Montana

Commission Meeting  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

# Presentation Agenda



- Introduction of FoodCorps
- FoodCorps Program Model
- Our Impact
- Stories from the Field
- Q&A



# FoodCorps

FoodCorps is a nationwide team of AmeriCorps leaders who connect kids to healthy food in school, so they can lead healthier lives and reach their full potential.



# Our Service Sites



## 11 AmeriCorps members serve in the following service sites:

- Gallatin Valley Farm to School
- Browning Public Schools
- Butte School District (NCAT)
- North Shore Compact
- Red Lodge Area Food Partnership Council
- Kalispell Public Schools
- Ronan School District #30
- Hardin School District 17H & 1
- Polson School District #30
- Columbia Falls School District 6
- Philipsburg & Drummond Public Schools



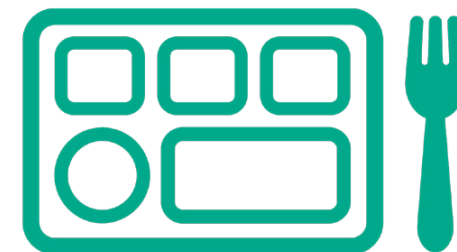


# Three Areas of Service



Our AmeriCorps members focus on three evidence-based strategies that get children eating healthy:

- **Hands-On Learning:** Students grow, cook, and taste new foods, which builds their skills and changes food preferences.
- **Healthy School Meals:** The cafeteria experience steers students towards the healthiest options and gets them excited to try new healthy foods.
- **School-wide Culture of Health:** As a whole, the school community and environment—from hallways to classrooms to cafeteria to grounds—celebrates healthy food.



# Healthy School Food Environments



A place where kids know what healthy food is,  
care about where it comes from,  
and eat it every day!

# Our Partners



## State Partner: National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT)

- Nonprofit organization with the capacity to work statewide
- Oversees the operation of FoodCorps in Montana
- Determines the communities and non-profit organizations with which service members will serve
- Hosts state FoodCorps Fellow



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FOR APPROPRIATE  
TECHNOLOGY



# Our Partners



## Service Sites

- Grassroots organizations and schools working in high-need communities
- Have local expertise on the unique needs of their community
- Responsible for the day-to-day oversight and guidance of service members and their work.





# FoodCorps Funding



- ServeMontana funding \$127,130  
(\$11,557 / MSY)
- Matching funding \$299,483  
(from individuals, corporate partners and private foundations)



# Our Impact



## OUR STATE IMPACT

During program year 2015-2016, our 11 members:



# Our Impact



## We measure changes in attitudes:

- 52% (614 students) showed improved vegetable preference on the vegetable preference pre/post survey.

## We measure changes in schools:

- 6 of 19 schools showed improved school food environments of at least five points, according to the Healthy School Toolkit.

## And we measure changes in behavior:

- Our Evaluation Report is coming soon!



# Stories from the Field



## Polson Harvest Dinner

Polson Middle School students collaborated with their school's staff and FoodCorps AmeriCorps service member to prepare and cook a garden fresh meal for the community in October 2015.





***“FoodCorps  
has transformed our school  
lunch program.”***

– Maria Pace, Boulder Elementary &  
Middle School Principal-Superintendent